

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM**

**PRESENT :**

**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE V.GIRI**

**THURSDAY, THE 29TH NOVEMBER 2007 / 8TH AGRAHAYANA 1929**

**WP(C).No. 33497 of 2007(K)**  
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**PETITIONERS:**  
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- 1. V.M.KRISHNANKUTTY, S/O.MADHAVAN,  
VETTIKKUDIYIL, ONAMTHURUTHU VILLAGE,  
NEENDOOR P.O., DIST.KOTTAYAM.**
- 2. P.N.MANIYAPPAN, S/O.NARAYANAN,  
PURATHATTUTHARA, UDAYANAPURAM P.O.  
VAIKOM, DIST.KOTTAYAM.**

**BY ADV. SRI.K.REGHU KOTTAPPURAM  
SRI.M.MUKESH**

**RESPONDENTS:**  
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- 1. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,  
P.W.D.ROADS, DIVISION,  
KOTTAYAM.**
- 2. THE CHIEF ENGINEER,  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (R & B),  
ADMINISTRATION, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.**
- 3. THE ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,  
P.W.D.ROADS SUB DIVISION,  
VAIKOM, DIST. KOTTAYAM.**
- 4. THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.,  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
REPRESENTING STATE OF KERALA,  
GOVT. SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.**

**BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI.BEJOY CHANDRAN**

**THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION  
ON 29/11/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE  
FOLLOWING:**

**V.GIRI, J.**

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**W.P.(C)No.33497 of 2007**  
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**Dated this the 29th day of November 2007**

**JUDGMENT**

The petitioners are seasonal Ferry Men working in the office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Roads Division, Kottayam. They claim regularization in service as full time Ferry Men. Reference is made to Ext.P9 by which the Chief Engineer has passed an order noting that *a direction has been issued to the Executive Engineer (Roads Division) Kottayam, who is the appointing authority for appointing Ferry Man in Kottayam District, to prepare and finalise a seniority list of the seasonal Ferryman in Kottayam District and to issue promotion orders according to the seniority and availability of vacancies.* Learned Special Government Pleader, on instructions, submits that the directions in Ext.P9 have been complied with by the Executive Engineer, and accordingly the Seasonal Ferry Men will be promoted as full time Ferry Men in accordance with the seniority. Submission is recorded.

2. The writ petition is disposed of directing the first respondent to take further steps in pursuance of Ext.P9 and issue orders for appointment of permanent Ferry Men, as and when vacancy arises, in accordance with the seniority. Petitioners have

raised other contentions regarding payment of Provident Fund. Once they are appointed to the post of permanent Ferry Men, they may make appropriate motion before the respondents stating their grievances, in which case, the second and third respondents shall look into it and take appropriate decision without delay.

**V.GIRI, JUDGE**

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